

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Pichler, et al.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL AND PRE-APPEAL BRIEF

In response to the Advisory Action mailed August 2, 2011, Applicant hereby gives notice of appeal, submits the following pre-appeal brief, and requests a pre-appeal brief review panel. Appeal fees of \$540 are submitted herewith. If any other fees or dues are required for entry of this brief, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1167.